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Epocrates Essentials: Is the expanded product an improvement?

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Epocrates (www2.epocrates.com) is a well-known drug database for handheld personal digital assistants (PDA). Since its introduction about 5 years ago, Epocrates has mushroomed. The latest, most complete PDA version is Epocrates Essentials. System requirements for Essentials are listed in Table 1. Table 2 compares Epocrates' stand-alone components for PDAs with its latest "fully bundled" Essentials program. In this article we review the Palm-OS version only; a Pocket PC version was launched in November. Essentials, which adds sections on diagnoses and laboratory values to Epocrates Pro, is a valuable tool, especially for medical trainees and allied health professionals. In our opinion, though, Epocrates Pro is still the gem in the Epocrates suite of offerings. To recommend Essentials to experienced clinicians as enthusiastically as we do Epocrates Pro, we will need to see further refinement of the diagnosis and lab sections.

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